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**W. Kenneth Derickson
Zambrana Engineering, Inc.
6 S 535 Bridlespur Drive
Naperville, IL 60540-5901**

RE: Land Lease to the Muslim Youth Camps of America, Johnson County

Dear Mr. Derickson:

Thank you for inviting our comments on the impact of the above referenced project on protected species and rare natural communities.

We have searched our records of the project area and found no records of rare species or significant natural communities. However, since these lands have not been cultivated and several rare plants have been found within a five mile radiu of the project site, we suggest that the Environmental Assessment specifically address the potential for finding the following species in this project area: Muskroot (*Adoxa moschatellina*), Running Pine (*Lycopodium clavatum*), Crowfoot Clubmoss (*Lycopodium digitatum*), and Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*).

This letter is a record of review for protected species and rare natural communities in the project area. It does not constitute a permit and before proceeding with the project, you may need to obtain permits from the DNR or other state and federal agencies.

If you have any questions about this letter or if you require further information, please contact Keith Dohrmann at (515) 281-8967.

Sincerely,

**STEVE PENNINGTON
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